



Uxbridge Community Gardens

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March 10, 2014
Lower Town Hall
21 S. Main St, Uxbridge

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Quorum: 4 / 5 in attendance. Barbara Hall participated via Skype.

Minutes of December 2, 2013: Kris Holt reporting. Minutes read & accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Lemire reporting. Balance of \$5,699.61. No report from the town as of this date. Treasurer's Report accepted.

New Business

1. Garden assignments – residents – we have 95 plots. Waiting on 8 payments from existing gardeners.
2. Garden assignments – out of town – there are 5 applications pending. Jackie made a motion to give the Stilwills a double plot and hold the out-of-town spots to 4. Passed 4-1.
3. Outstanding paperwork/payments – Barbara will call & email all existing gardeners. Payment due by 3-13-14 or they will forfeit their garden. Stillwell added to Barbara's call list. Need to pay by 3-13-14. Down to 3 people needing paperwork.
4. Gardeners not on yahoo list – All have been notified.
5. URI seed distribution/pick up – Kevin Mulligan picked up the seeds. We need to contact library director, Carol Ann McMaster, she will distribute the seeds at the library. We will take out seeds that need to be started early, and drop those at the library first. The rest of the seeds can be distributed after opening day. Kim will sort the seeds.
6. Orientation meetings – Thur April 17th 6:30 pm at the library. Barbara to schedule. Reviewing ground rules & FAQ, answering questions.
7. Police Department - ground prep help – motion made to take agenda item out of

order. The police Dept has filed a grant under the Met police grant. They are tying this grant into the food pantry plot. The grant has been submitted, will find out in the summer if it was awarded. This could be \$10,000-\$15,000. The police department will assist with ground prep and equipment, supplies, food drives, etc. Josiah Morrisette also will rototill plots on his own. He will till plots for any gardeners who need help. He asks that those gardeners help out with food pantry or senior plots, or offer donations in exchange for his services. Josiah will only do the plots of gardeners who ask for help. Days will be dependent on weather & soil conditions. Norfolk Power has rentals of large equipment and can deliver. A 3pt hitch rototiller is \$150/day. Might be able to get a tractor from Nydam. Dave Sokoloski just bought a tractor & rototiller. We could enlist his help at UCG. Josiah can be contacted through the UCG Facebook page or the UCG Board.

8. Staking new gardens (row 5) – waiting until snow melts. Barbara has stakes leftover. Hope to have done before April 19th.
9. Opening Day – Plan: Kim is questionable. Seed distribution, assist new gardeners in finding their plot. We will limit the number of seed packets available.
10. Clean and site water tanks – Kim will ask Peter to clean the tanks with UFD high pressure hose. This does not need to be done by opening day. DPW can deliver them at their convenience as conditions allow.
11. Designate new compost areas: We need to signs. Compost areas will be placed on each side of the garden. Kim will make.
12. Seed starting - Ruth Banstra: She is starting seeds with her class. Barbara will get in touch with her, Kim will drop them off.
13. Food Pantry tomatoes – Stan Smythe: Sandy will check to see if he is doing them again this year.
14. Earth Day (Hannaford inquiry): April 22nd is Earth Day. They want to bring a group of people to help with a community project. We are weather dependent.
15. Plant sale/event with library/BVG - June 2015: We can try to coordinate something with garden club, library & UCG for next year.
16. April 1 NUT (deadline March 15): Barbara will submit.
17. Elections to the board: Jackie is a 1 year term. Renewal goes with May town elections. We need to let the town manager know if there will be an opening or not. Town manager makes the appointments. We can put a notice about opening on Facebook page & Yahoo group.

18. Plot assignments: Barbara will revise the assignment list & post on the Yahoo group & town website.

19. Request was made to make sure notice goes out to let gardeners know when gardens reopen, in cases where they have been closed because of mud, etc.

Next UCG Meeting TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Holt
UCG Secretary

Barbara Hall	Chairperson	<u>Barbara A. Hall</u>
Kim DeMers	Vice Chair	<u>Kim DeMers</u>
Sandy Lemire	Treasurer	
Kris Holt	Secretary	<u>Kristen Holt</u>
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